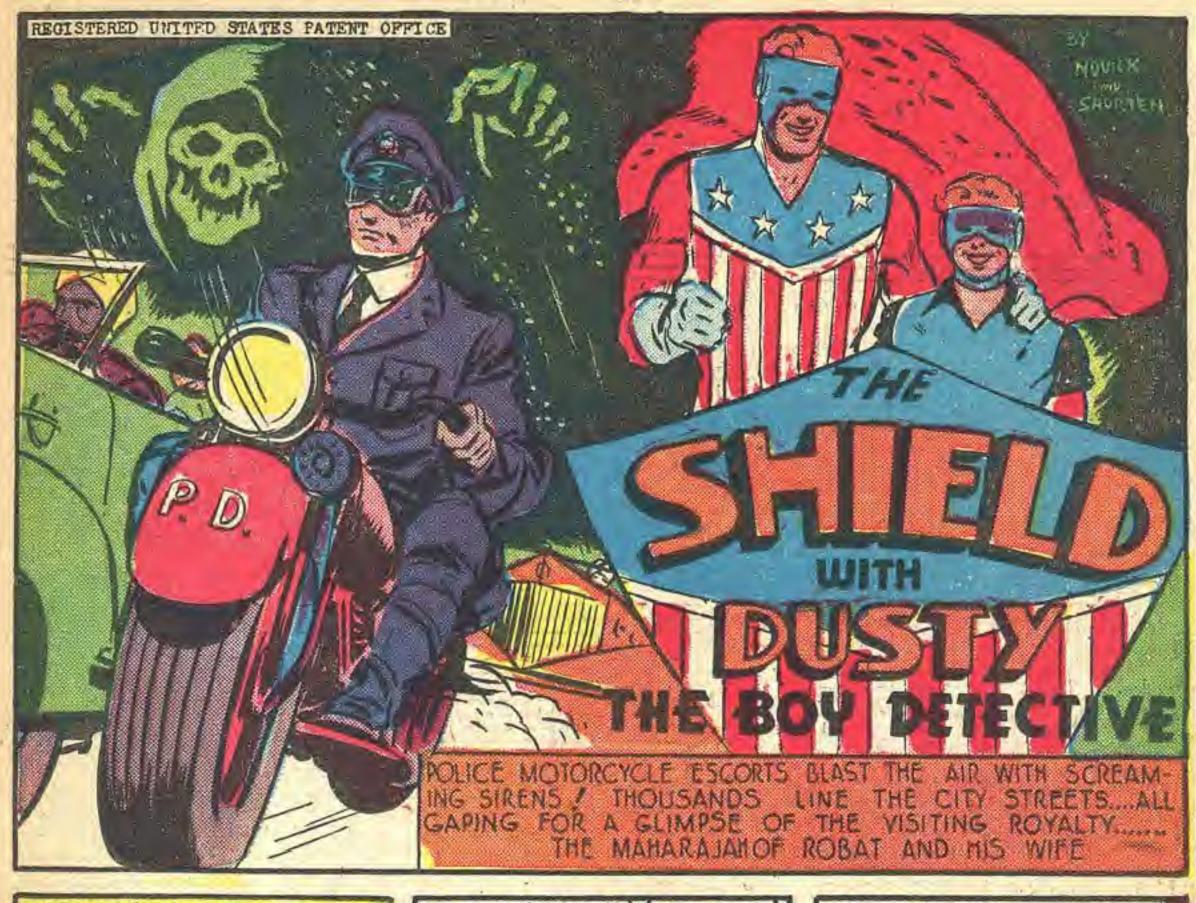


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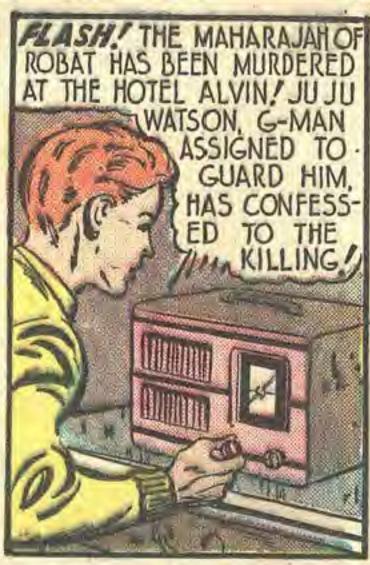




















































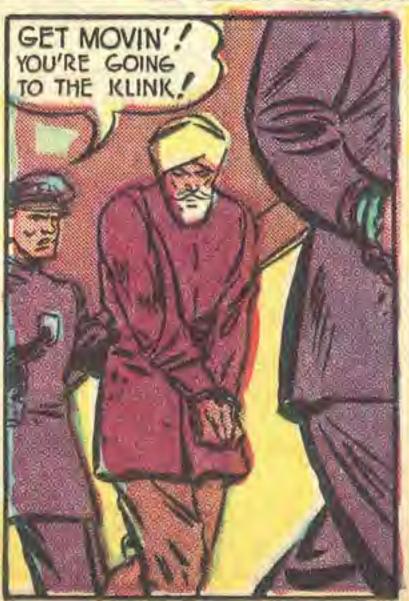






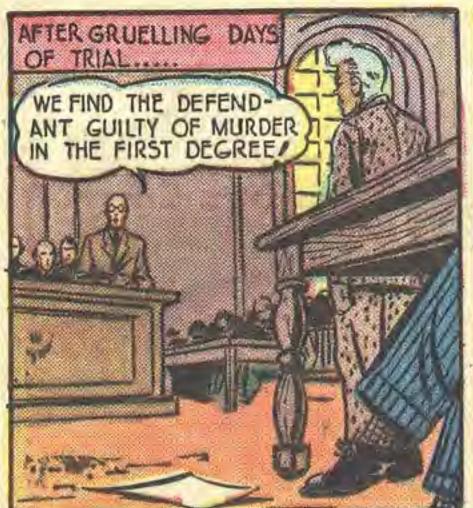
























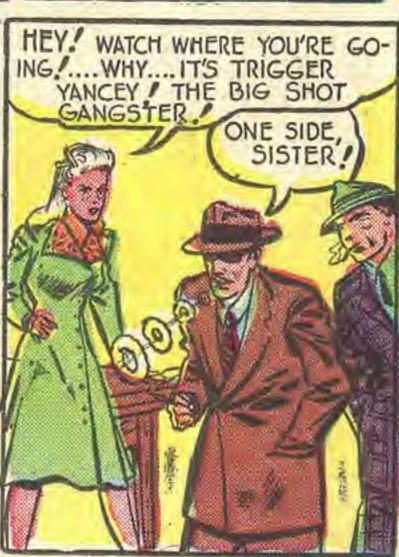




















































































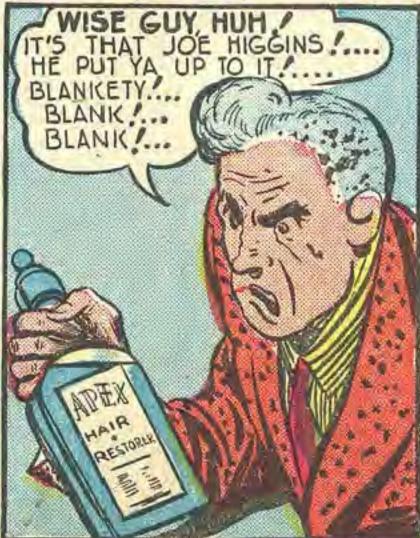












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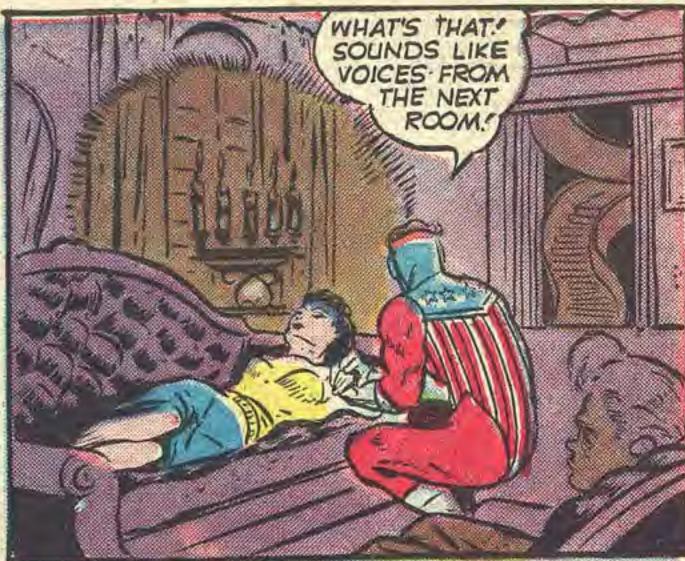






























































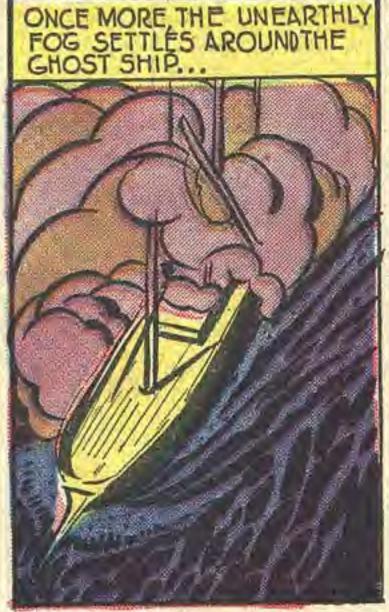






















































































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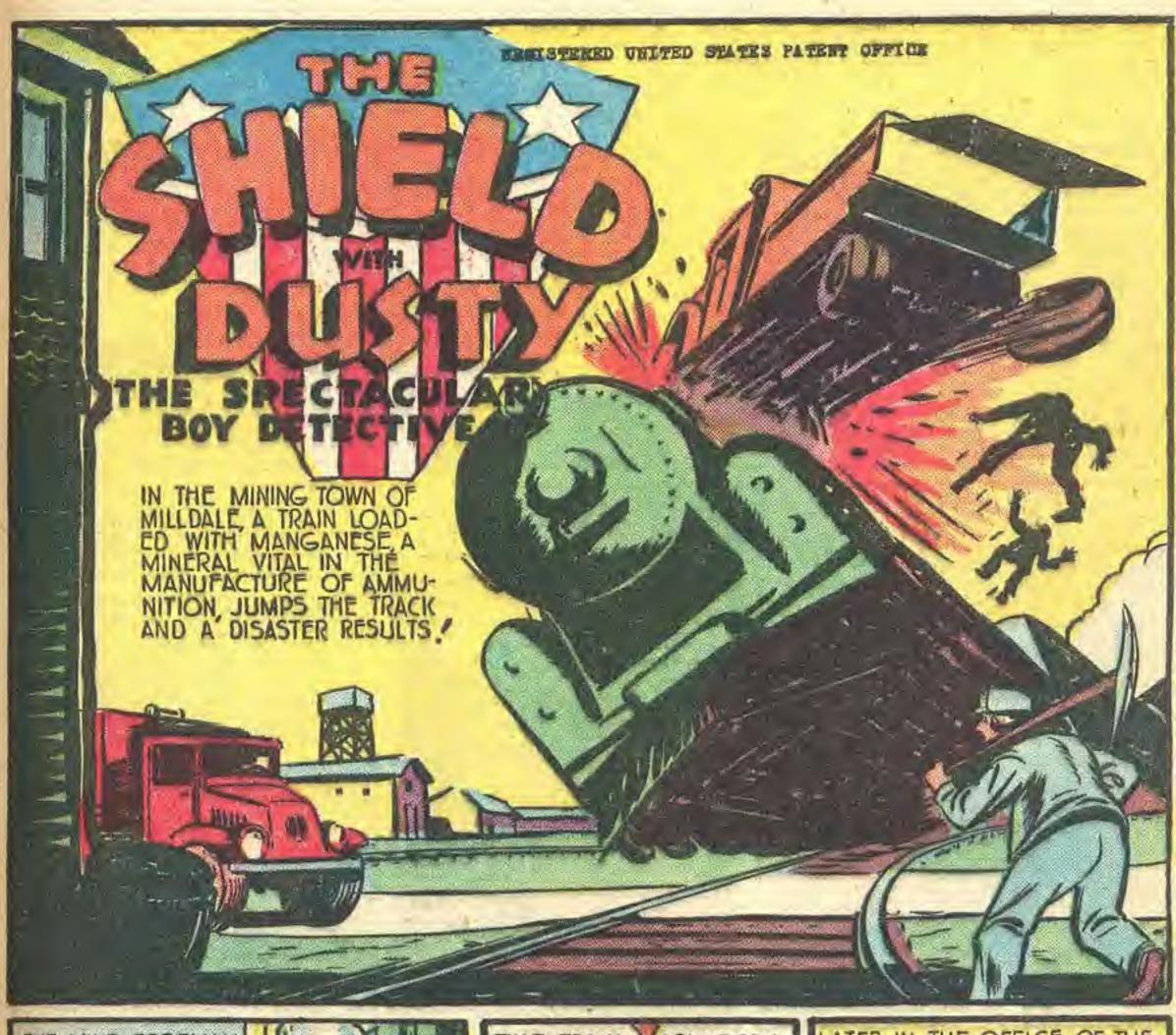


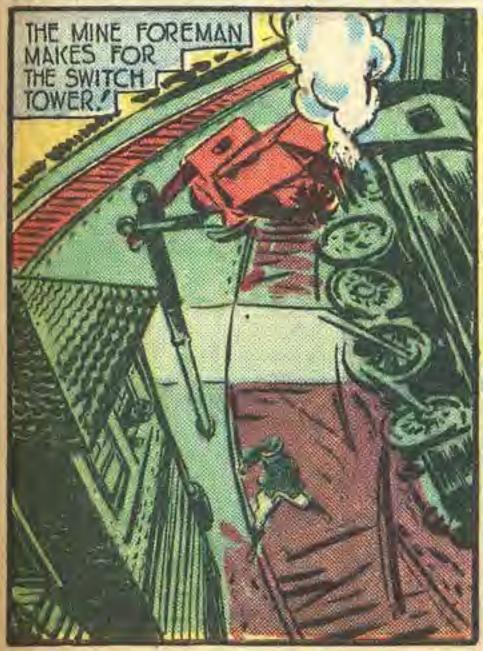






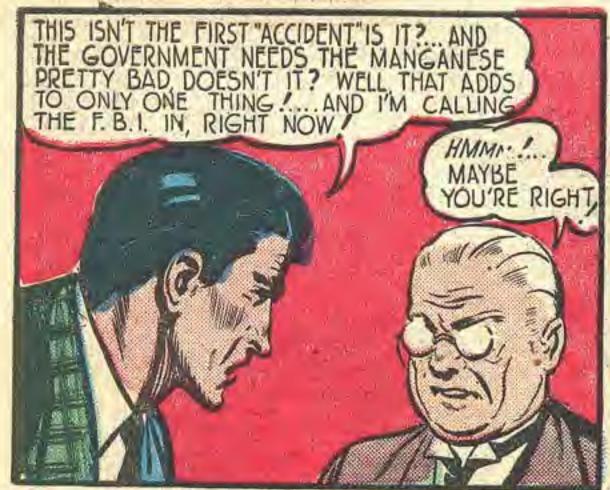
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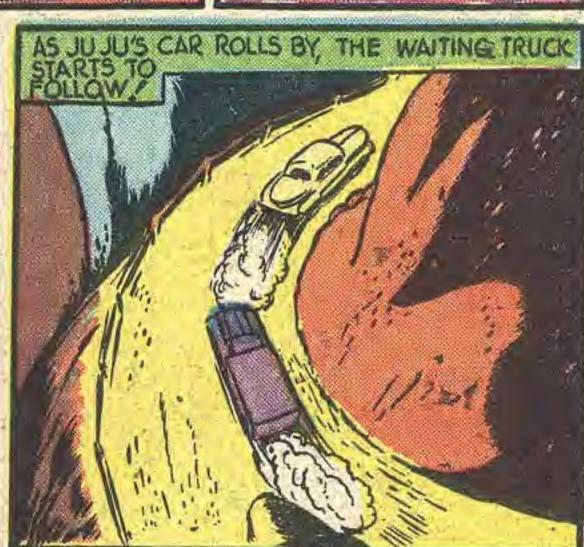






















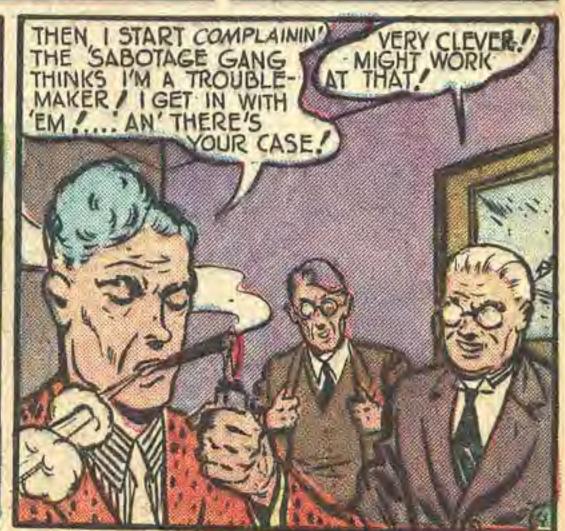
















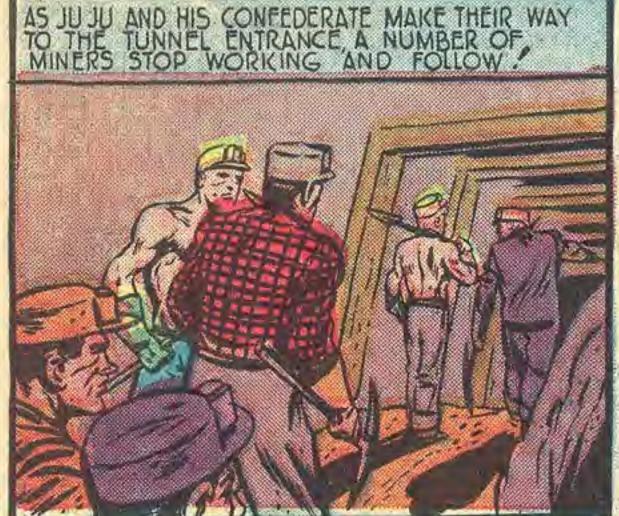




























































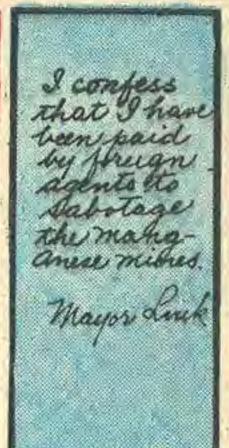


















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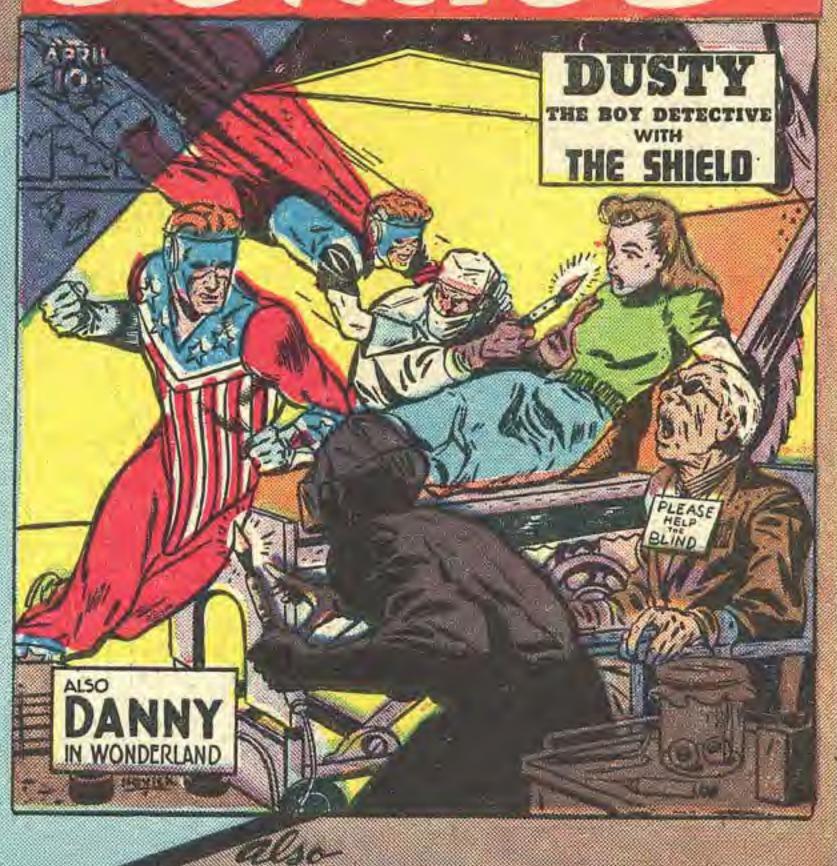
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THE RED BIRDS OF DEATH

Joe Higgins looked down at the prostrate figure speculatively. It was in the last throes of death agony, ke gs jerking spasmodically, eyes bulging horribly. There was nothing more to be done for him.

The natives gathered round. They looked on with superstitious dread, needing but the slightest encouragement to flee into
the thick Mexican jungles. It was only the weird fascination
of that little, duck-billed red bird, perched on the dying man's
chest, chirping dolefully, that kept them rooted to the snot.

At last the violent twitchings ceased. The figure relaxed in death, and the fantastic tiny red-bird fluttered off into the dense foliage.

Then Joe turned to the chief engineer, Cogswell, and said, "just happened, eh?"

"About ten seconds before you came into camp. First it was Lawrence. Then Perry. And now, Schwartz. It's that damned curse of that ancient Aztec king that's doing it. I..."

"You don't really believe that a curse killed your assistant engineers do you?" Joe broke in.

"I...I don't know what to think, anymore," Cogswell faltered.

"At first I thought it was bosh. But now my three best men are gore. And each one got one of those little red birds before he died; just as the curse said they would. The natives don't want to work on this road-building job anymore. They're scared stiff. And frankly, so am I. We'll never get the road built through the jungle at this rate."

"That's why I'm here," Joe replied. "To try to clear things up so that you can get moving and finish this road. Your company appealed to the F.B.I. and I was sent down."

"Well, I'll give you all the co-operation you want," Cogswell said. "But frankly, I'm afraid it's no use. You can't arrest a fellow who has been dead for centuries, or track down a curse he pronounced. Want me to show you around camp?"

"Yes, thanks."

After awhile, Joe said, "I see you've got a plane. And a landing field, too."

"Why yes. Nothing strange about that. An idea of my own which the company thought rather useful. You see, it enables me to fly over the forest and examine the terrain. Saves me worlds of time. More than enough to make up for the effort of building a make-shift landing field averytime we make camp."

"Hmm. I see." Joe mused. Then he yawned. Stretched.
"Think I'll turn in," he said wearily.

"Certainly," Cogswell answered. "I'll show you your tent."

It was in the early hours of the swift-rising tropical morning that Joe hastily peeled out of his blanket, raised his tentflap and peered out. The reason for this sudden burst of activity was the unmistakable drone of an airplane motor. Joe had been waiting a good many hours for its sound.

Now, as he watched the plane gracefully soar into the heavens, he did a strange thing. He hastily shed his tropical clothing and stood forth as the Shield.



It was an awesome sight to watch him streak above the treetops as easily as an ordinary man might walk along a smoothly paved boulevard. Only, the Shield was not walking. He was running with the swiftness of light. Indeed, so great was his speed, he was actually forced to curb himself to keep from overtaking the plane which, for the time being he was content, merely to follow.

At last, the plane started to dip for a landing. The Shield no longer restrained himself. He stretched his stride and beat the plane to its destination. He found himself in a clearing about a hundred feet square. In the center was an ancient stone building, weatherbeaten and eroded, almost to the point of collapse.

The C man extra-ordinary recognized the architecture. It was an ancient Aztec temple. While the plane was still circling for a landing, the Shield was inside the temple, inspecting it. What he saw, made him gasp. The temple was literally a gold one... from floor to ceiling. Golden ornaments hung from every part of the room. And in the center was a signt statue carved from pure gold; the ancient Aztec god.

Then the whole thing came to the Shield in a flash, and he hurried out.

It was an amazed Cogswell who stepped from his plane.... straight into the waiting arms of the Shield.

"What ... what's this ... " he sputtered. "H ... how did you .. ?"

"A little bird showed me the way here," the Shield made the sardonic reply. "A little red bird. This time it's your death it will herald. Death in the electric chair as soon as I get you back to my friend Joe Higgins."

Cogswell's fist lanced out. It clanged against the Shield's jaw with a splattering sound. Then dropped...a useless broken thing.

His remaining hand snaked the gun out of his hip-holster. Shot after shot rang through the dense jungles.

The Shield smiled grimly as the pellets bounced futilely from his chest. His arm chopped out and down. And Cogswell was now without the use of either hand. Then the chief engineer became a supine, grovelling creature, whimpering for mercy.

"You showed no mercy for those engineers whom you killed so that you could prevent your company from building the road. You knew if they kept on, they would come across these treasures which you had somehow discovered. And your greed wouldn't per mit that."

The Shield paused for a moment to place the engineer into the plane. Then he went on. "Your first mistake was to tell Higgins that the company knew about your plane idea. They didn't or they certainly would have told Joe before he set out. That meant you had lied. Then you lost your head when the F.B.I. was called in on the case. You never figured on that. You'd had it all planned for the local authorities who might have taken stock in that Aztec curse and the red death-birds. It certainly had the laborers frightened silly. Just one thing more. How did you kill the engineers?"

Cogswell was silent for a moment. Then he said brokenly, "Arsenic; the odor has a strange attraction for those red-birds.

They can smell it for miles away."

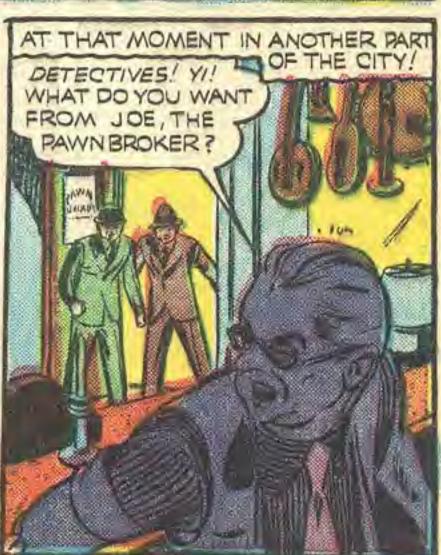
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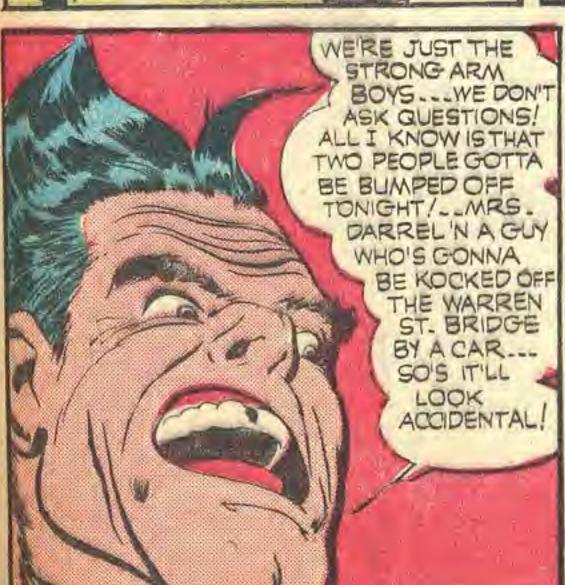




















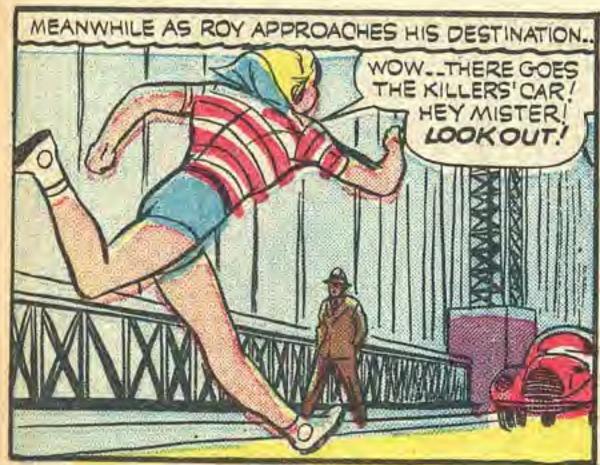
















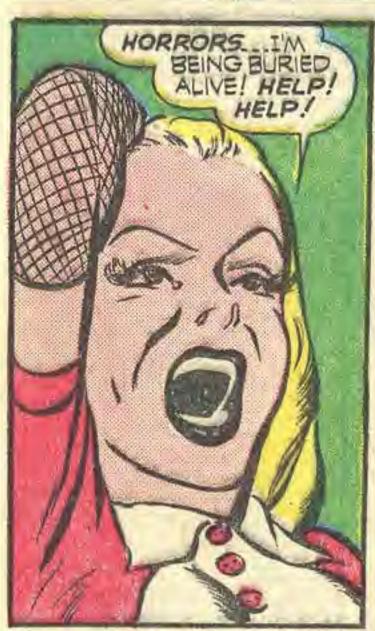








































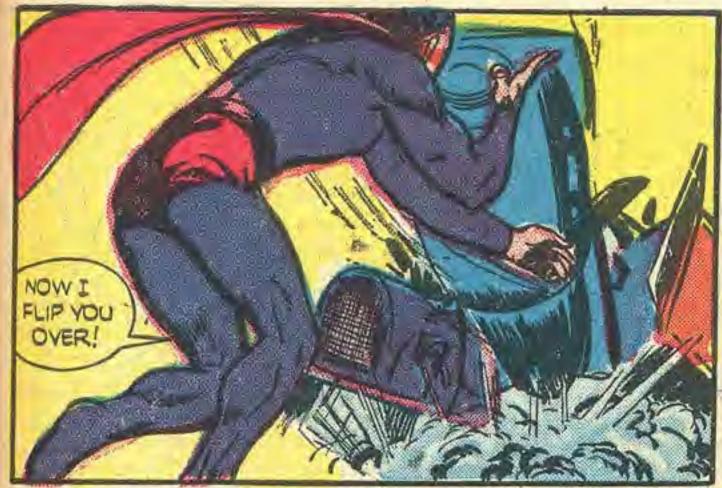


























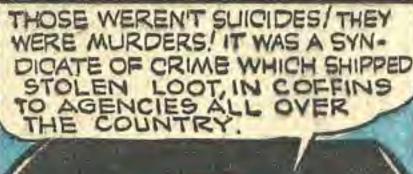




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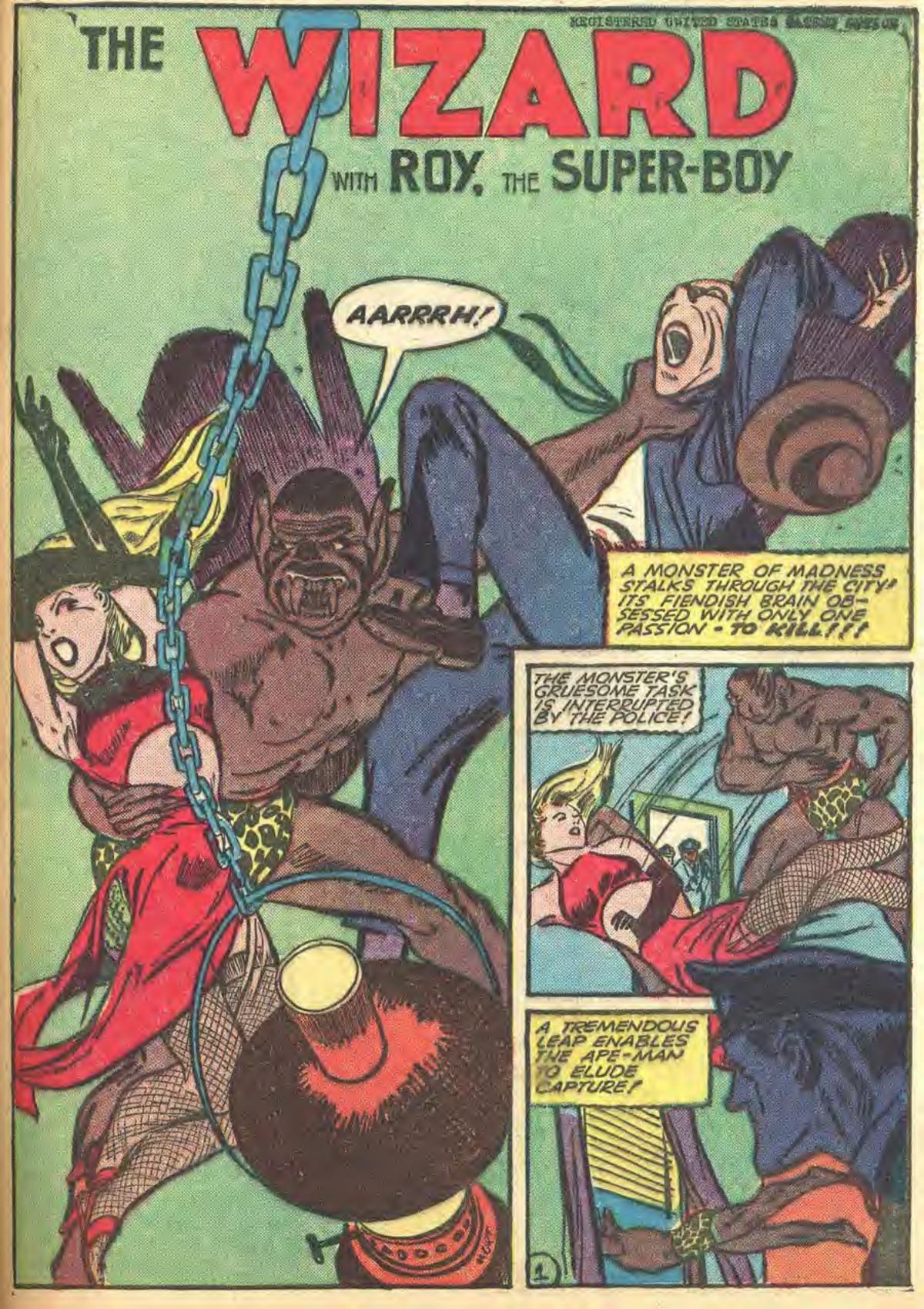


























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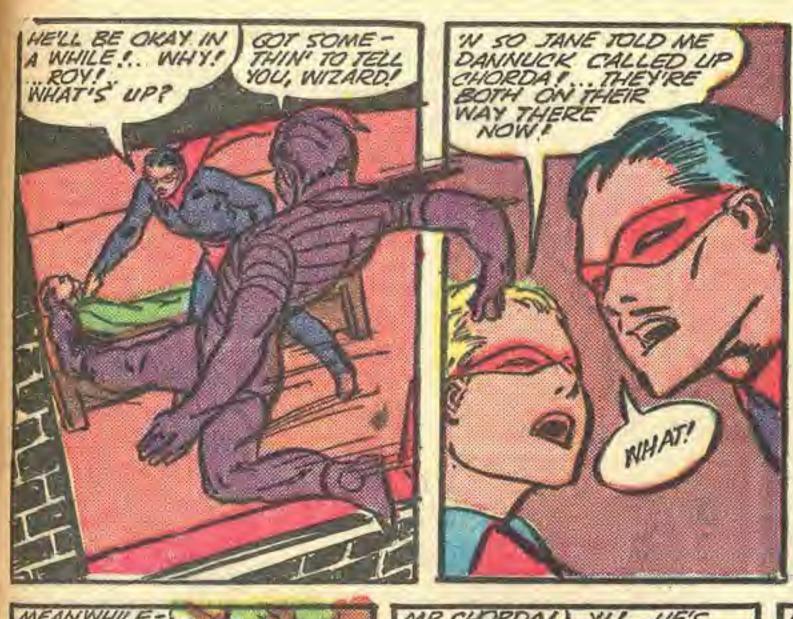






























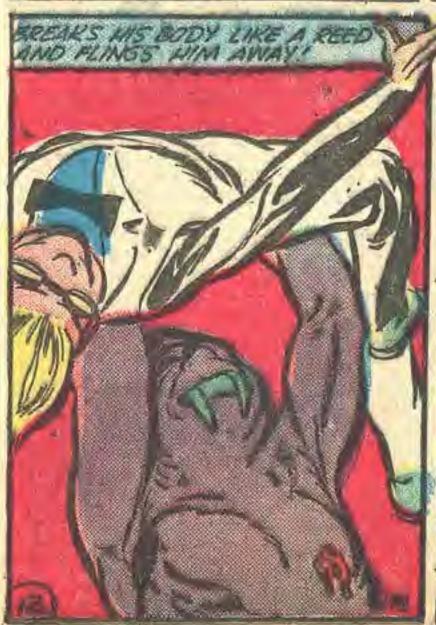




























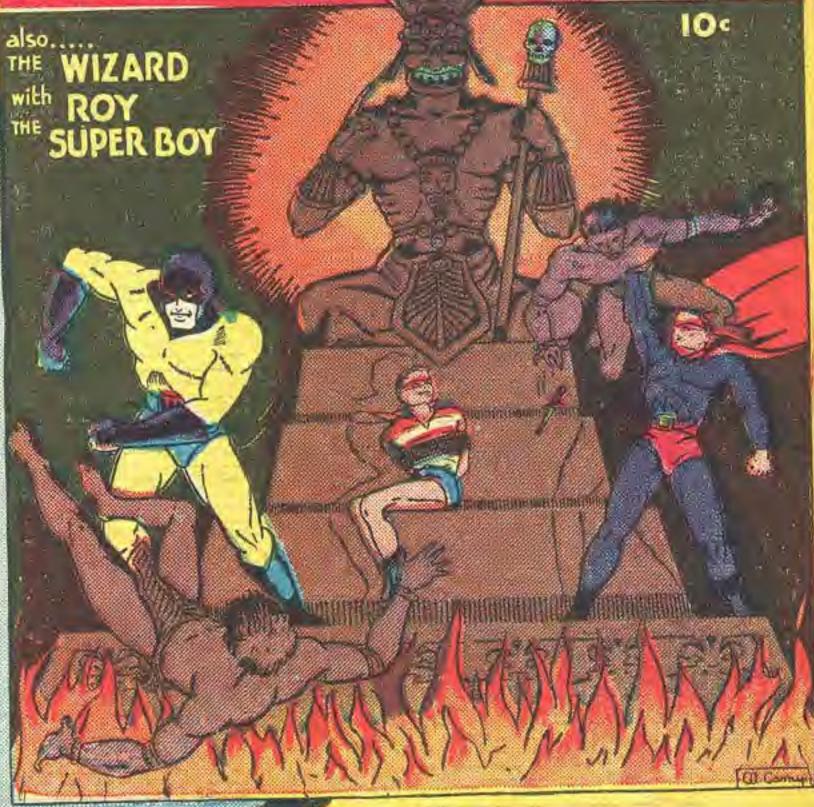


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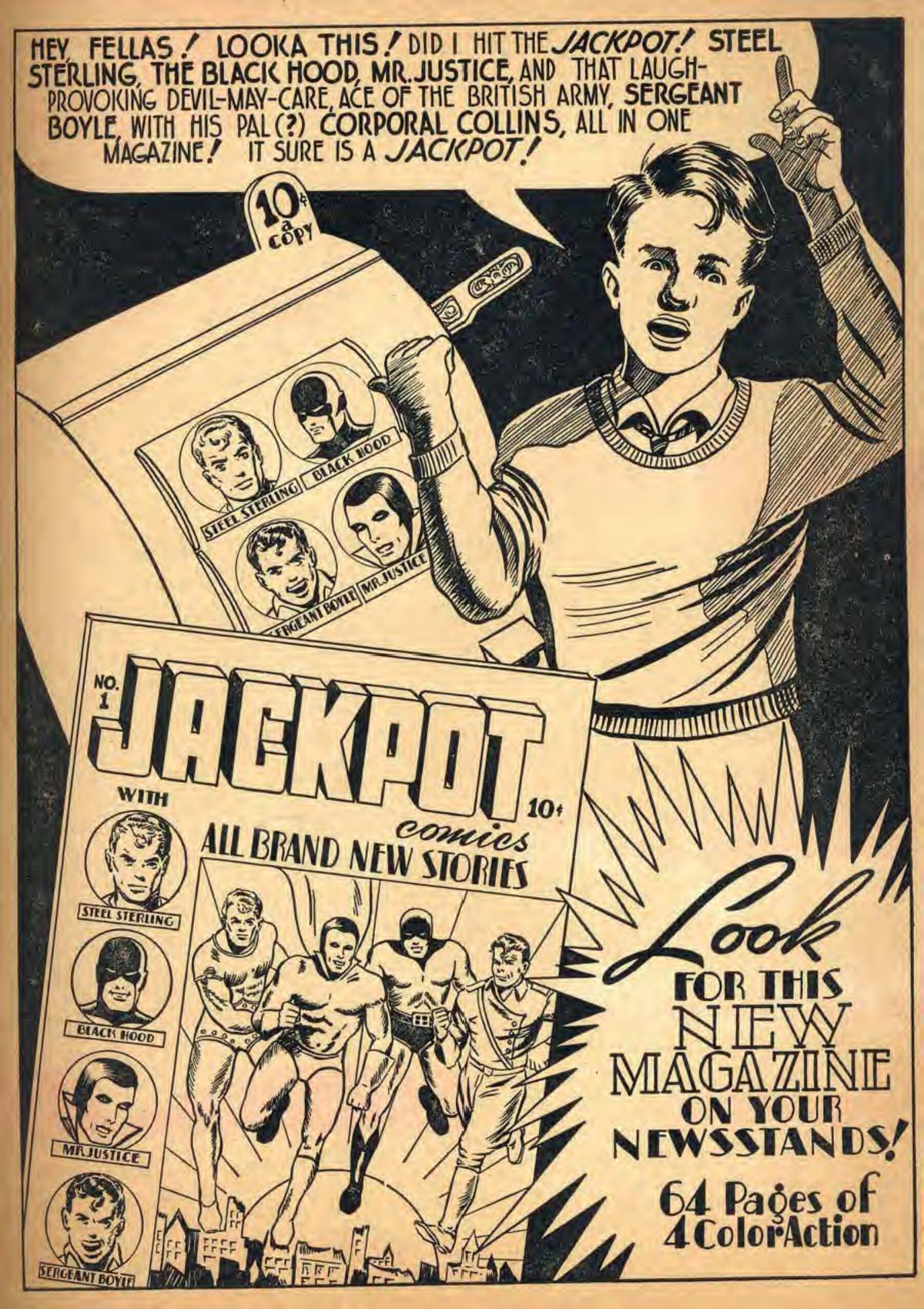
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